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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE IN STUDY OF CANADIAN ECONOMIC
STATISTICS

1. OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE ASSESSMENT (OCA), IS CON-
DUCTING FOLLOW-UP STUDY TO EFFORT OF OCTOBER 1972
CONDUCTED JOINTLY WITH MCKINSEY AND COMPANY.

2. CURRENT STUDY IS DIRECTED AT UPDATING AND DEEPENING OCA
KNOWLEDGE OF A WIDE RANGE OF CANADIAN ECONOMIC
STATISTICS NEEDED TO DERIVE MEASURES OF U.S. COMPETITIVE
PERFORMANCE AND MONITOR TRENDS IN KEY ECONOMIC
FACTORS THAT DETERMINE U.S. TRADE PERFORMANCE VIS-VIS
CANADA AND OTHER MAJOR NATIONS.

3. PRINCIPAL PRODUCT OF STUDY WILL BE PUBLISHED GUIDE
TO FOREIGN DATA SOURCES SUMMARIZING BASIC INFORMATION
ON EACH TYPE OF STATISTICAL DATA FOR EACH OF TEN
CONTRIES STUDIED. THIS GUIDE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
TO STATISTICS CNANDA AND OTHER GOC AGENCIES UPON
RELEASE. A COPY OF AN EARLIER VERSION OF THE GUIDE HAS BEEN
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SENT BY AIR POUCH.

4. OCA TEAM, CONSISTING OF MR. RALPH AJELLO, MR. OWEN GRETTON, AND MS. MARRY O'HARA, ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE OTTAWA, NOVEMBER 12, FOR ONE WEEK STAY, TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONNEL IN STATISTICS CANADA. PRIMARY FOCUS WILL BE ON METHODS USED IN DEVELOPING VARIOUS STATISTICAL SERIES.

5. POST ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN ARRANGING 1 TO 1 1/2 HOUR APPOINTMENTS WITH SATISTICS CANADA PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH OF FOLLOWING STATISTICS PROGRAMS (INTERVIEWERS IN PARENTHESIS):

- A. CURRENT PRODUCTIONN SURVEYS (AJELLO, GRETTON)
- B. ANNUAL CENSUS OF MANUFACTURES (GRETTON)
- C. PRODUCTS SHIPPED BY CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS (AJELLO, GRETTON)
- D. PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN CANADA (O'HARA)
- E. CAPITAL AND REPAIR EXPENDITURES, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (O'HARA)
- F. EMPLOYMENT, HOURS, AND EARNINGS (O'HARA)
- G. PRODUCTIVITY TRENDS (O'HARA)
- H. INDUSTRIAL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES (GRETTON, O'HARA)
- I. INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS, QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS (AJELLO)
- J. CORPORATION FINANCIAL STATISTICS (AJELLO)
- K. INPUT-OUTPUT TABLES (GRETTON)
- L. ANNUAL VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION (AJELLO)
- M. GENERAL REVIEW OF THE MINERALS INDUSTRIES (AJELLO)
- N. FOREIGN TRADE (GRETTON, AJELLO)
- O. COMMODITY AND INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (GRETTON, AJELLO)
- P. CANSIM (AJELLO)

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THESE SURVEYS FALL WITHIN A SINGLE DIVISION OF STATISTICS CANADA. IN SUCH CASES, APPOINTMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR FOR EACH OF THE STATISTICS PROGRAMS LISTED.

6. IF EMBASSY HAS QUESTIONS OR ENOUNTERS MAJOR PROBLEMS IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS, CALL MR. RICHARD HEIMLICH AT 202-UNCLASSIFIED

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